IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original): A method, in a server, comprising:

receiving data from a server application;

determining whether the data is serializable; and

storing the data in a data structure and forwarding, to a client, a reference to the data structure if the data is not serializable.

2. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the data structure comprises a hash table.

3. (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein the reference to the data structure comprises a hash key.

4. (Currently Amended): [[The]] A method of claim 1, in a server, further comprising:

receiving data from a server application;

determining whether the data is serializable;

storing the data in a data structure and forwarding, to a client, a reference to the data structure if the data is not serializable;

receiving argument data from a client;

determining whether the argument data is a reference to a complex object; and

retrieving the complex object from the data structure if the argument data is a reference to a complex object.

5. (Original): The method of claim 4, wherein the argument data comprises an argument in a server application call.

6. (Original): The method of claim 5, further comprising:

passing the complex object as the argument in the server application call.

7-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original): An apparatus, in a server, comprising:

      receipt means for receiving data from a server application;

      determination means for determining whether the data is serializable; and

      storage means for storing the data in a data structure and forwarding, to a client, a reference to the data structure if the data is not serializable.

13. (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the data structure comprises a hash table.

14. (Original): The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the reference to the data structure comprises a hash key.

15. (Currently Amended): [[The]] An apparatus of claim 12, in a server, further comprising:

      first receipt means for receiving data from a server application;

      first determination means for determining whether the data is serializable; and

      storage means for storing the data in a data structure and forwarding, to a client, a reference to the data structure if the data is not serializable;

      second receipt means for receiving argument data from a client;

      second determination means for determining whether the argument data is a reference to a complex object; and

      means for retrieving the complex object from the data structure if the argument data is a reference to a complex object.

16. (Original): The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the argument data comprises an argument in a server application call.

17. (Original): The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising:

      means for passing the complex object as the argument in the server application call.

18-22. (Canceled)

23. (Original): A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, comprising:

    instructions for receiving data from a server application;

    instructions for determining whether the data is serializable; and

    instructions for storing the data in a data structure and forwarding, to a client, a reference to the data structure if the data is not serializable.

24. (Canceled)

25. (New): The method of claim 4, wherein the data structure comprises a hash table.

26. (New): The method of claim 25, wherein the reference to the data structure comprises a hash key.

27. (New): The method of claim 15, wherein the data structure comprises a hash table.

28. (New): The method of claim 27, wherein the reference to the data structure comprises a hash key.

29. (New): A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, comprising:

    instructions for receiving data from a server application;

    instructions for determining whether the data is serializable;

    instructions for storing the data in a data structure and forwarding, to a client, a reference to the data structure if the data is not serializable;

    instructions for receiving argument data from a client;

    instructions for determining whether the argument data is a reference to a complex object; and

    instructions for retrieving the complex object from the data structure if the argument data is a reference to a complex object.